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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

- 1) The claims are objected to because they include reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses.

Reference characters corresponding to elements recited in the detailed description of the drawings and used in conjunction with the recitation of the same element or group of elements in the claims should be enclosed within parentheses so as to avoid confusion with other numbers or characters which may appear in the claims. See MPEP § 608.01(m).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 2) The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- 3) Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites "three portions" in line 2, and then recites "two portions" in line 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 5) Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolthoff (5214944).

In re claims 1-2, Wolthoff provides a wheel locking device (25) for vehicles, which is attached to a wheel (29) of a vehicle so as to surround the wheel, and which locks the wheel by means of a lock (35) so as to prevent an unauthorized movement of the vehicle, comprising: a supporting plate (10) provided with at least one arm (11) being radially formed along its inner circumference and having a hole formed through the arm; fixtures (28), each including an insertion part inserted into the hole of the arm, and a clamp part (26) formed in U-shape so as to surround an inner side surface of the wheel; clamping pins (18, 19), each being inserted into a body of the supporting disk and clamping the insertion parts of the fixtures so as to prevent the fixtures from separating from the supporting plate; a guard plate (10b) for surrounding an outer side surface of the supporting plate so as to at least cover and protect the clamping pins inserted into the supporting plate; a clamping bolt (30) screwed into the guard plate and the supporting plate so as to hold the guard plate and the supporting plate together; and locking means (35) for preventing the loosening of the clamping bolt from the guard plate and the supporting plate.

Wolthoff lacks the teaching of the plates being disk shaped.

Pollard teaches a wheel locking device with a support plate and guard plate that are disk shaped.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have support and guard plate of Wolthoff disk shaped as taught by Pollard merely to provide a shape that conforms to the shape of a wheel to cover all of the wheel rim.

Wolthoff lacks the teaching of a long hole formed in the arm and the insertion pins being inserted into an insertion part of the fixtures.

Barker teaches elongated holes for fixtures where a pin is inserted to secure the lock.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have provided the locking device of Wolthoff as modified by Pollard with the elongated holes and pin arrangement of Barker merely to provide more support and guides for the arms of the locking member and to secure the arms in place by securing them to the plate.

Allowable Subject Matter

6) Claims 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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7) Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

- 8) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Davis, Richards, Chen, Hughes, Witchey, West, Jennison, Markegard et al, and Diez all provide wheel locks.
- 9) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C. Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571)272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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